

The O'Brien Institute for Public Health & the Department of Community Health Sciences present:

A Healthy Alberta through Healthier Public Policies: The Alberta Public Health Association's Federal Election 2019 Strategy and Primer

Speakers: Angeline Webb, Lindsay McLaren, Pablo Fernandez, Jia Hu, Franco Rizzuti & Richard Musto

Friday, September 20, 2019 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. G500 - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW

The Alberta Public Health Association (APHA) is leading a collaborative effort aimed at ensuring that public health has a presence in the upcoming federal election. Activities include 1) hosting an all parties public meeting, and 2) developing a primer that describes seven public issues, relevant policy options and questions to ask of candidates. A similar effort was undertaken for the 2019 Alberta provincial election. In this presentation, we will 1) introduce the APHA and its advocacy mandate; 2) briefly describe the 2019 provincial election experience; and 3) outline the federal election strategy and a sampling of the issues. It is intended that the presentation and ensuing discussion will stimulate and equip participants to become actively engaged in the election process.

- **Angeline Webb**, Regional Manager, Health Policy, Canadian Cancer Society and current President of the Alberta Public Health Association
- **Lindsay McLaren**, Professor and Applied Public Health Research Chair, Community Health Sciences, 2019 winner of the CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer award, mid-career category and past President of the APHA
- Pablo Fernandez, Manager, Strategic Communications, O'Brien Institute
- Jia Hu, Medical Officer of Health, AHS Calgary Zone and Zone Lead for Communicable Disease Control
- Franco Rizzuti, Resident in Public Health and Preventive Medicine and Canadian Medical Association Election Advisory Lead for Calgary
- **Richard Musto**, Clinical Professor, Community Health Sciences, and current Chair of the Board of the Canadian Public Health Association

Objectives:

- 1. To develop an understanding of several key issues affecting the health of Canadians that evidence shows are sensitive to government policies.
- 2. To identify opportunities for participants to engage in effective advocacy during the federal election campaign.
- 3. To recognize how public health practitioners and organizations can play an active role in political advocacy.

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